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This is a request for information in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(b), filed July 11, 2011.

The petition is dismissed.

A review of the petition document reveals that it is signed only by M. Sharon Rogone who is one of two joint inventors. It is noted that 37 CFR 1.33(b) provides, that:

(b) *Amendments and other papers.* Amendments and other papers, except for written assertions pursuant to § 1.27(c)(2)(ii) of this part, filed in the application must be signed by:

- (1) A registered patent attorney or patent agent of record appointed in compliance with § 1.32(b);
- (2) A registered attorney or agent not of record who acts in a representative capacity under the provisions of § 1.34;
- (3) An assignee as provided for under § 3.71(b) of this chapter; or
- (4) All of the applicants (§ 1.41(b)) for patent, unless there is an assignee of the entire interest and such assignee has taken action in the application in accordance with § 3.71 of this chapter.

The petition must be dismissed, without prejudice, because it is only signed by one of the joint inventors. The renewed petition must be signed by either all of the joint inventors, a registered patent attorney, or an authorized representative of the assignee that is empowered under 37 CFR 3.73(b).

It is noted that petition under 37 CFR 1.378(b) filed in U.S. Patent No. 5,613,502 was accompanied by several supporting documents which were not made a part of this petition, notwithstanding petitioner's request. These documents are material to the instant petition, however. Petitioner is cautioned, however, that each patent matter is exclusive in, and of, itself. Accordingly, petitioner is required to file the supporting documents in the subject application, and, going forward, a separate "Response to Request for Information" and any other filings should be filed in each patent matter.

It is further noted that the address cited on the petition differs from the address of record. Petitioner should file a request to change the correspondence address with the Response to Request for Information.

The address cited on the petition differs from the address of record. Although a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address cited on the petition, all future correspondence will be mailed solely to the address of record until appropriate written instructions to the contrary are received.

Any inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3222.

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